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Bright from the Start offering Pre-K Summer Transition Program

*Program targets rising Kindergarten students who did not attend
Pre-K or need additional support*

ATLANTA, Ga., (March 13, 2013) – For the fourth year in a row, Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning will offer a six-week Summer Transition Program for rising kindergartners who either did not attend Georgia’s Pre-K or Head Start, or attended but need additional support to be ready for Kindergarten next Fall. The program is targeted for children whose families are eligible for Child and Parent Services (CAPS).

“This is a great opportunity for these young students to build their skills and confidence before moving into kindergarten,” said Susan Adams, assistant commissioner for Georgia’s Pre-K, part of Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning.

A total of 100 classes (16 students per class) will be offered around the state. The six-week high quality instructional program is proposed to begin on Monday, June 3, 2013. All applicants must be a current Pre-K provider in good standing with Pre-K and in compliance with CAPS, Child Care Licensing and Nutrition as applicable. Applications will be made available statewide, however priority will be in the following targeted counties: Baldwin, Ben Hill, Bibb, Brooks, Burke, Calhoun, Charlton, Chatham, Clayton, Colquitt, DeKalb, Dooly, Dougherty, Echols, Fulton, Greene, Hart, Jefferson, Jenkins, Macon, Murray, Peach, Polk, Randolph, Richmond, Screven, Spalding, Talbot, Taliaferro, Tattnall, Telfair,

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Terrell, Troup, Twiggs, Wayne, Whitfield, Wilcox. Applications will be released on March 13, 2013 and will be due by 5:00 PM on April 1, 2013. Locations will be announced in late April.

For more information about Summer Transition, please visit the website at <http://www.dec.state.ga.us/PreK/SummerTransitionProgram.aspx>. You can also email summerschool@dec.state.ga.us if you have additional questions.

About Bright from the Start

Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning is responsible for meeting the child care and early education needs of Georgia's children and their families. It administers the nationally recognized Georgia's Pre-K Program, licenses child care centers and home-based child care, administers Georgia's Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS) program, federal nutrition programs, and manages voluntary quality enhancement programs.

The department also houses the Head Start State Collaboration Office, distributes federal funding to enhance the quality and availability of child care, and works collaboratively with Georgia child care resource and referral agencies and organizations throughout the state to enhance early care and education. For more information, go to www.dec.state.ga.us.